Training of Agricultural Mahila Workers

6561. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether with the help of Denmark's assistance a scheme was introduced to train the Agricultural Mahila Workers:

(b) whether this scheme was to be introduced on 19th November, 1993 all over the country;

(c) if so, how many workers have so far been trained under the scheme throughout the country;

(d) how many Mahila labourers in Madhya Pradesh have been benefited under the scheme so far; and

(e) the help and assistance being provided to the agricultural Mahila labourers under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. To cater to the Training and Extension needs of Farm Women, Special Projects on 'Training of Women in Agriculture' are being implemented in the States of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu, Orissa and Madhya Pradesh with the assistance of Government of Denmark.

(b) No, Sir. The projects in the State of Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Orissa have been under operation since 24.9.82; 1.7.86 and 2.12.87 respectively. The agreement for the project of 'Madhya Pradesh (MAPWA)' was signed between the Government of India and the Government of Denmark on 19.11.93 with a total cost of Rs. 6.24 crores for a period of 5 years.

(c) The Farm Women trained under the DANISH assisted projects throughout India are:

Name of the State	No. of Farm Women Trained
Karnataka . . .	48702
Tamil Nadu . . .	23537
Orissa	185 LVAW's have received training who in turn have trained. (40 farm women per LVAW) i.e. 7400 farm women are being trained annually.
Madhya Pradesh . .	The Induction Training of Key trainers has been completed. The training of woemen farmers would commence shortly. The project implementaion Plan has been approved by Project Empowered Committee.

(d) The training of farm women in Madhya Pradesh is to commence shortly.

(e) No help and assistance as such is being provided to the agriculture Manila Labour under the projects. Small and marginal women farmers, who perform agricultural activities in their own farm are the target group of the project.

Objections by Joint Commitee on seed Industry

6562. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Joint Committee on Seed Industry have raised a series of objections to the Plant Variety Act, 1993;

(b) whether Government have invited the views of the State Governments and industry in this regard

(c) if so, whether Government have considered the view; and

(d) if so, by when final legislation in this regard is likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) The three Associations of Seed Industry have combinedly made suggestions regarding the proposed legislation for protection of plant varieties.

(b) and (c) The draft proposal for the aforesaid legislation is being finalised.